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Dear Sir:

<u>Transmitted</u> herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | FEE |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------|
| Total Claims | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$50.00 = | \$0.00 |
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| | | Multiple dependent claims newly presented | | | \$0.00 |
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Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>13-0206</u> in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner has restricted the application to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-25, drawn to a transaction card; and
- II. Claims 26-53, drawn to a method of making a card.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-25, with traverse, for prosecution on the merits without prejudice or disclaimer.

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